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Amend the bill by inserting after the title and before the enacting clause the following:

‘**Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, prompt implementation of revised licensing procedures for retail tobacco establishment licenses is necessary to ensure that prorated licensing fees are assessed for licenses set to expire as of March 31, 2010, and timely implementation of the new licensing system is related to the public health; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,’

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

‘**Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.’

SUMMARY

This amendment adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause to the bill.